

Oconee millage rate to be set next week

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WALHALLA — While Oconee County's fiscal year budget has been set in place for a while, it may get a slight adjustment this month after the auditor presents the recommended millage at Tuesday's county council meeting.

Oconee County's nearly \$50 million budget for the 2019-20 fiscal year included a 3.3-mill increase, and the exact revenue generated from that has yet to be determined. The mill was based on an estimate of roughly \$548,000 during the budgeting process, and the millage was designated for capital vehicle replacement and economic development.

The 3.3-mill increase translates to approximately \$15.60 per \$100,000 of property value. The value of a mill for fiscal year 2018-19 was \$545,656.

The agenda for the 6 p.m. meeting also includes an ordinance to approve the purchase of a \$2.3 million fire truck, grants to area nonprofits and the potential funds required to accept a Special Traffic Enforcement Unit grant.

Oconee would provide \$46,560 for equipment not covered by the STEU grant, provided by South Carolina Department of Public Safety Office of Highway Safety and Justice, that gives payment for a four-person highway safety officer team.

The meeting is set to take place in council chambers at 415 S. Pine St. in Walhalla.